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A new hadron production experiment for improved neutrino flux predictions

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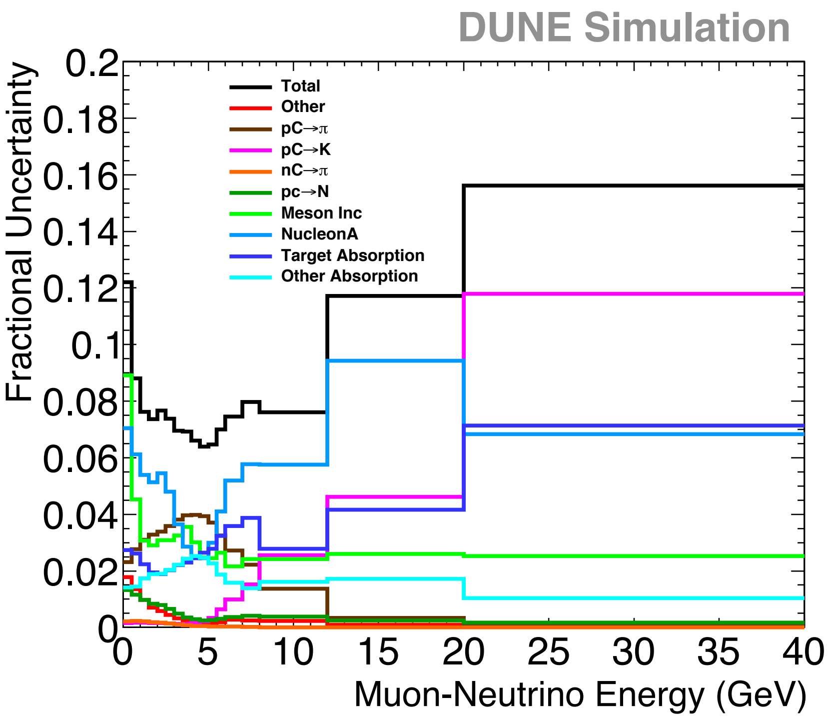

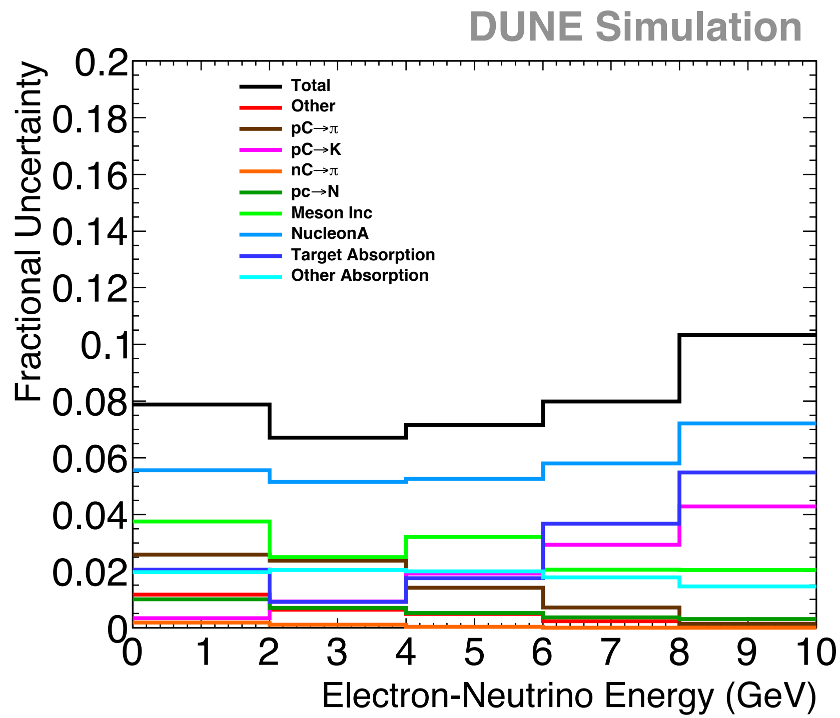

- Dominant flux uncertainties come from 40% xsec uncertainties on interactions in the target and horns that have never been measured (or have large uncertainties/spread).
- Lack of proton and pion scattering data at lower beam energies that NA61 has access to.
- **Reduction of flux uncertainties improves physics reach of most DUNE near detector analyses. New hadron production measurements support the DUNE oscillation program by increasing confidence in the a-priori flux predictions and ND measurements.**

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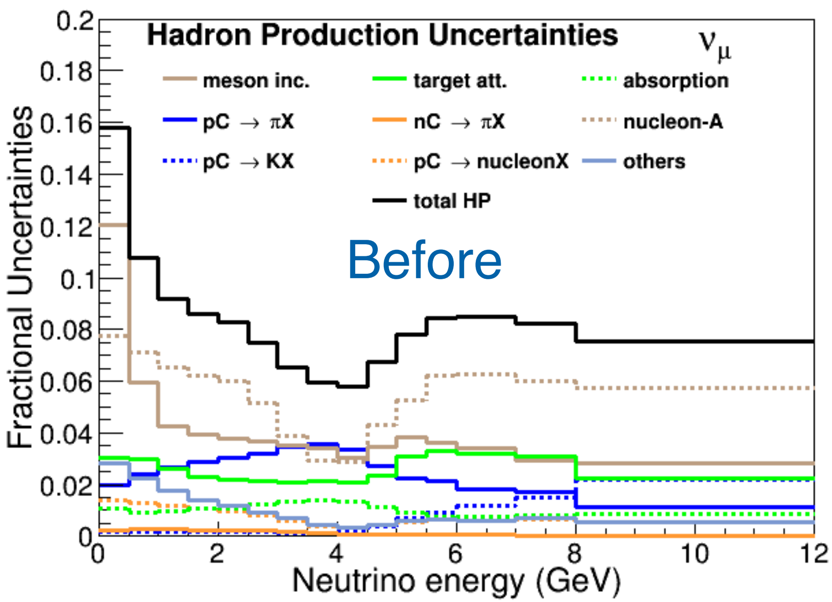

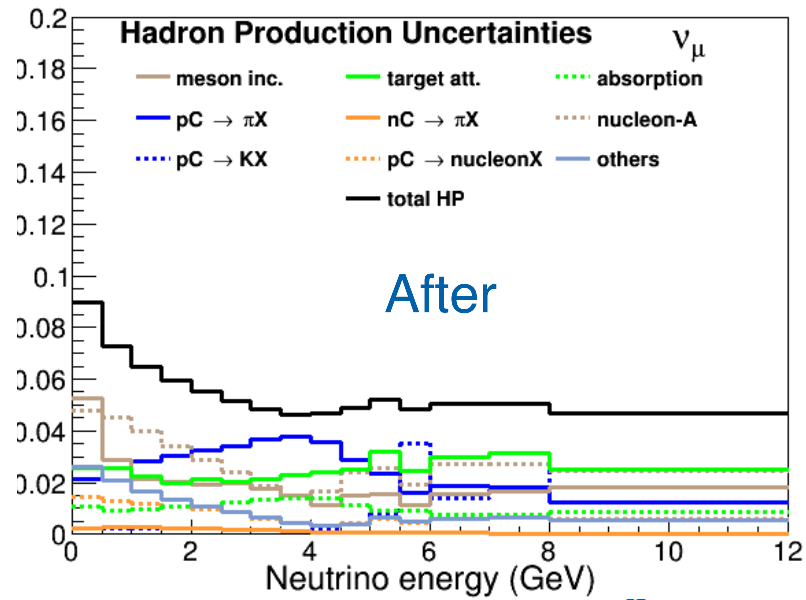

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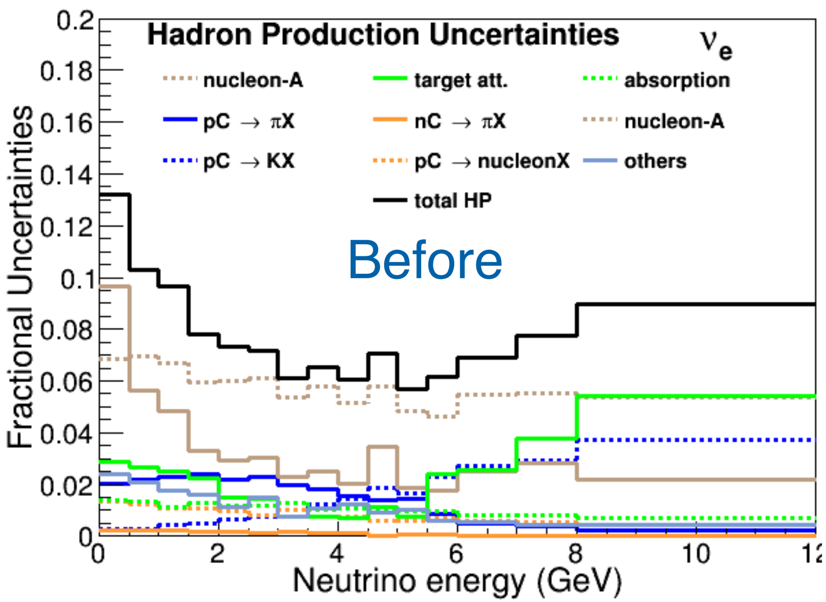

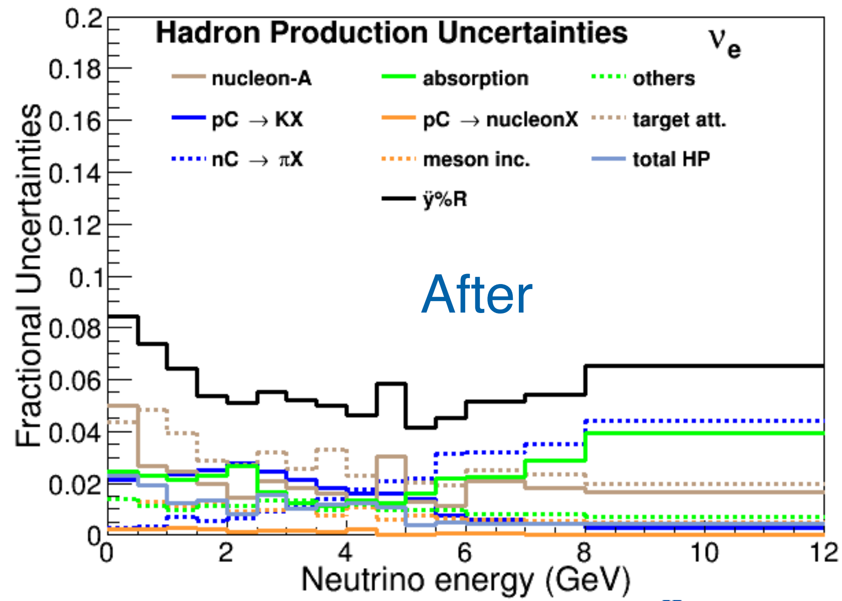

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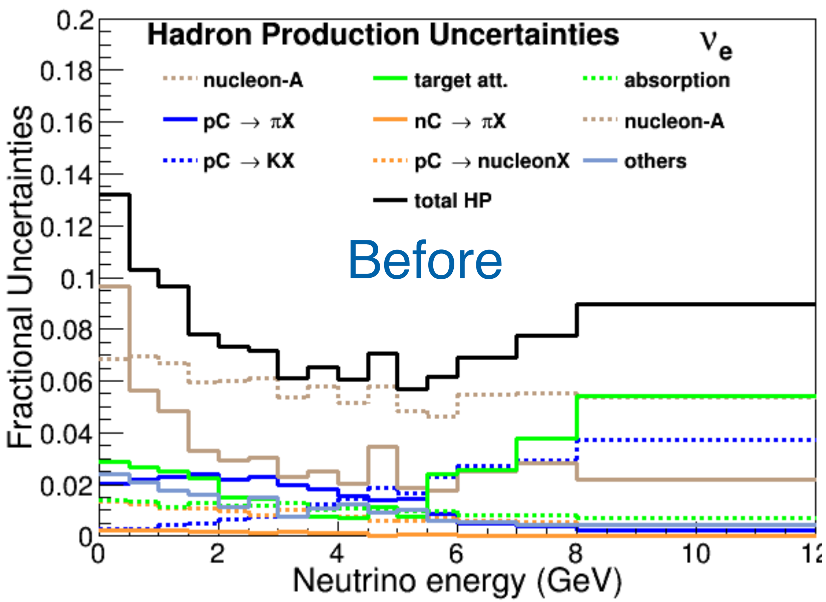

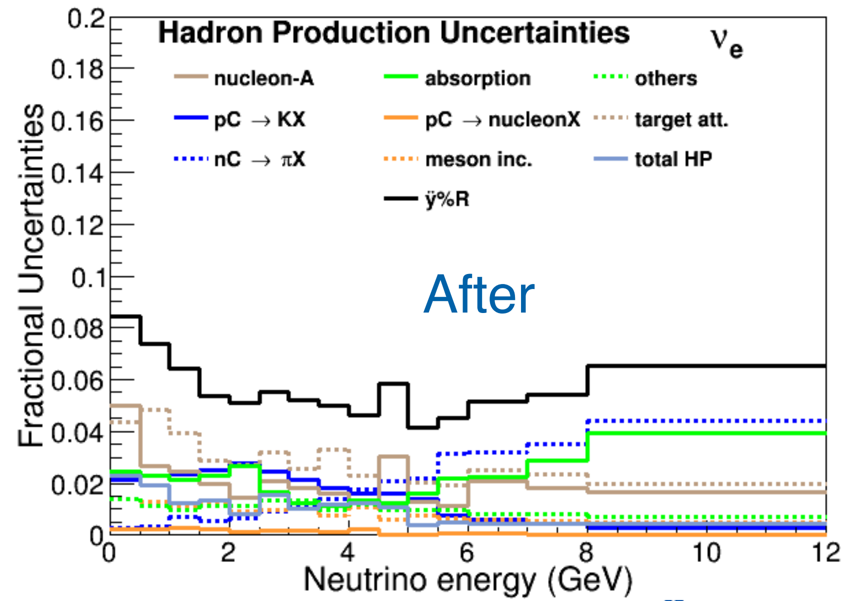

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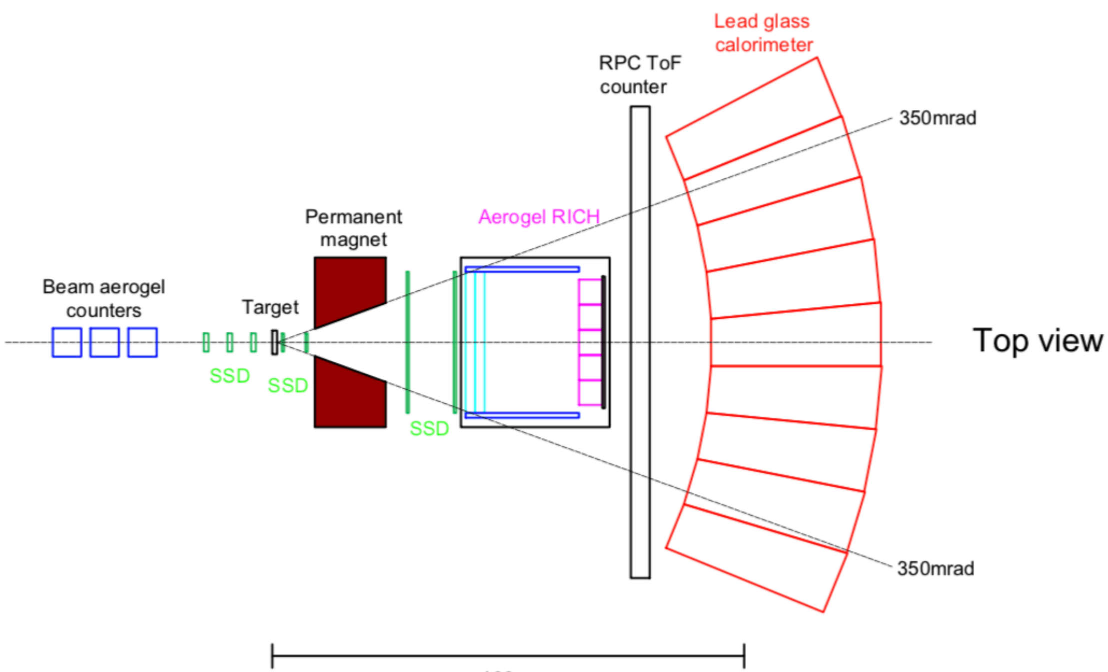

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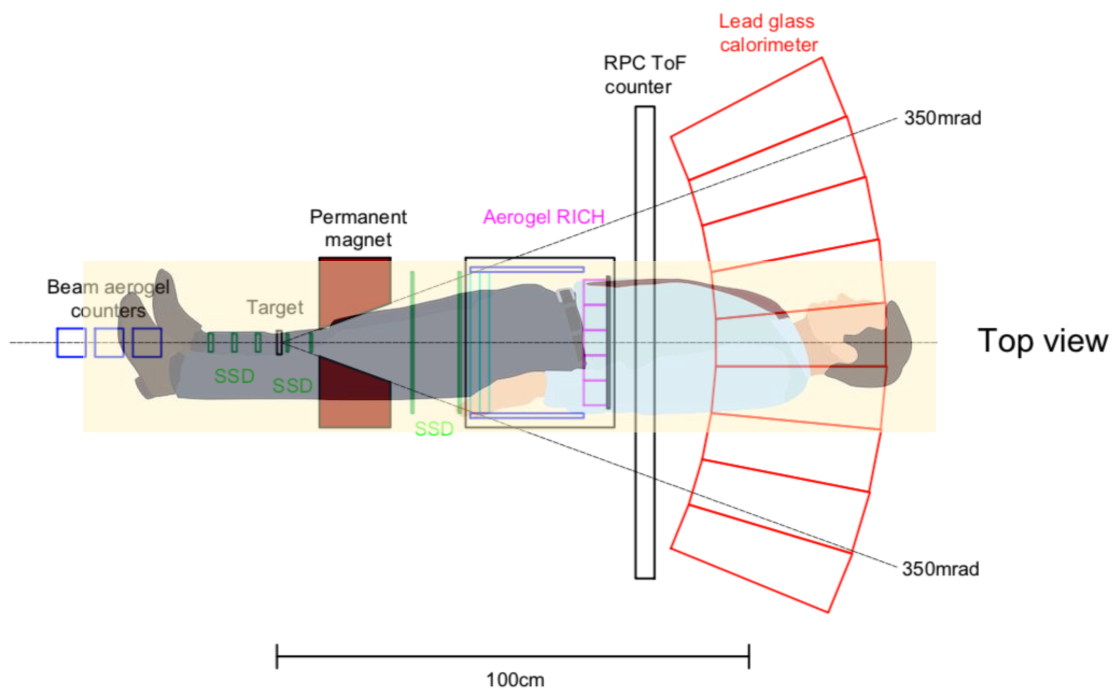
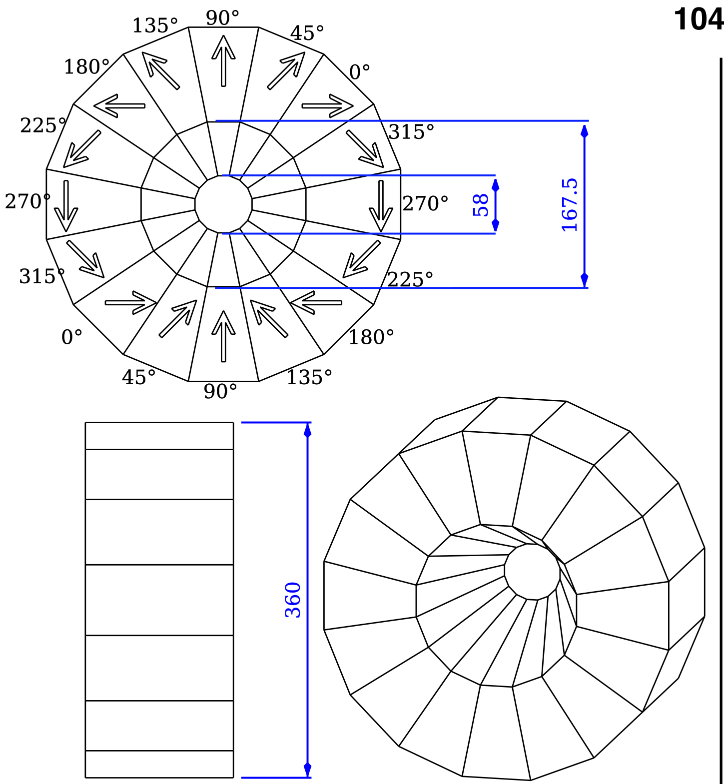
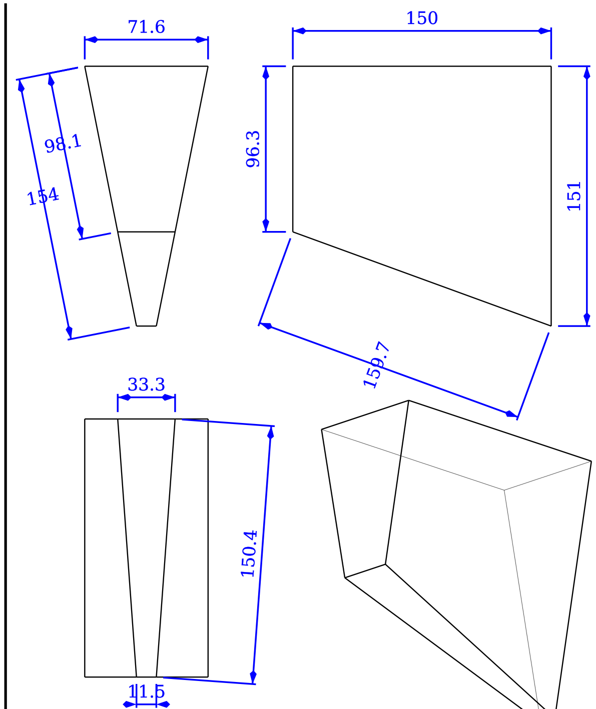


EMPHATIC: Permanent Magnet

Halbach Array

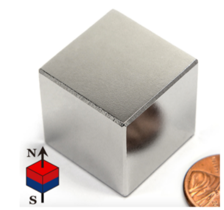
EMPHATIC Dipole Magnet
16 NdFeB (N52) segments
104 kg





all measurements are in mm

Segments made from large segments of Neodymium permanent magnets.



Many companies with expertise dealing with these magnets for the **windmill industry**.

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Prototype small-aperture magnet purchased by TRIUMF, will arrive at Fermilab in March.

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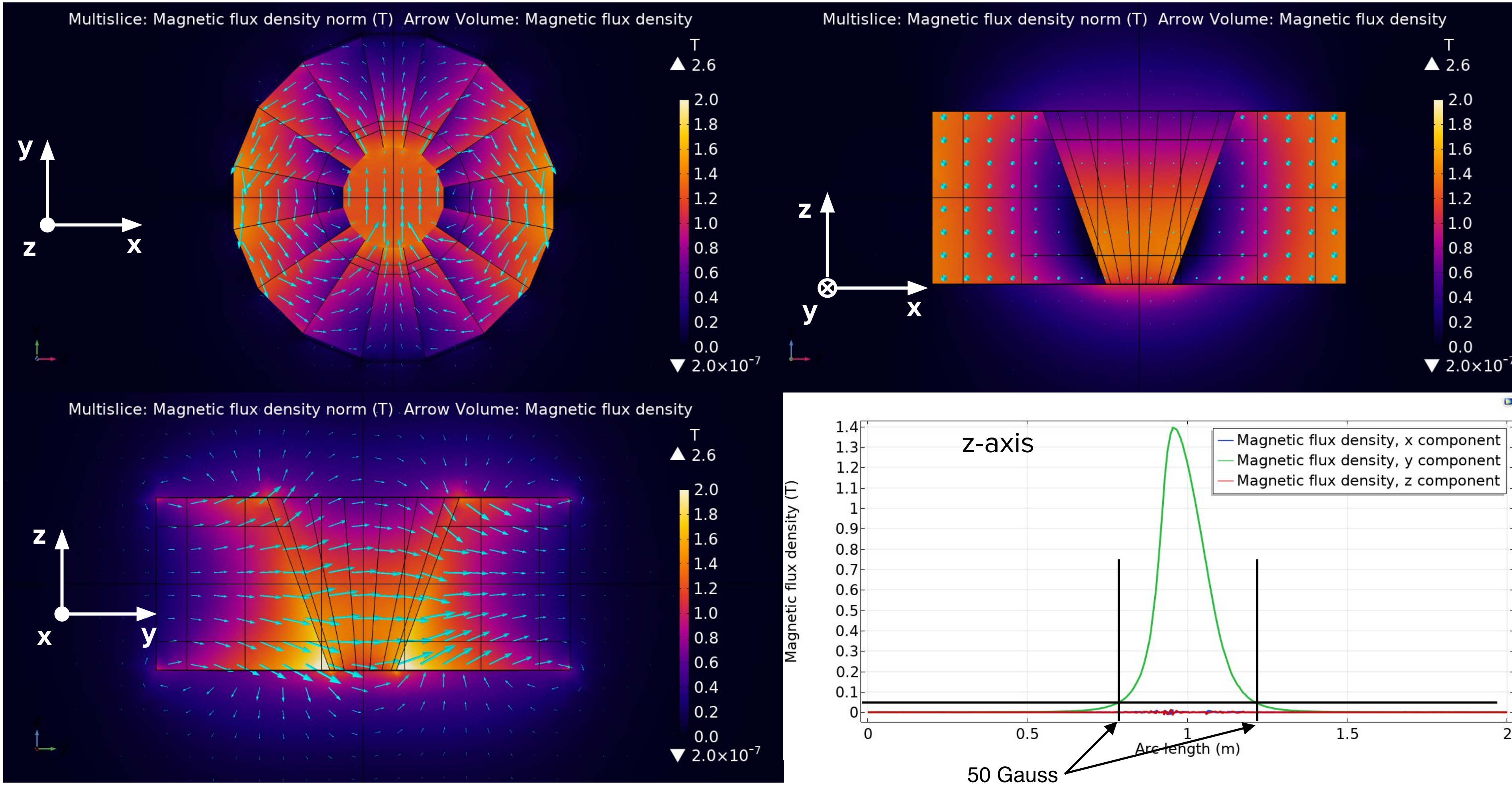

Field maps generated using COMSOL simulation.

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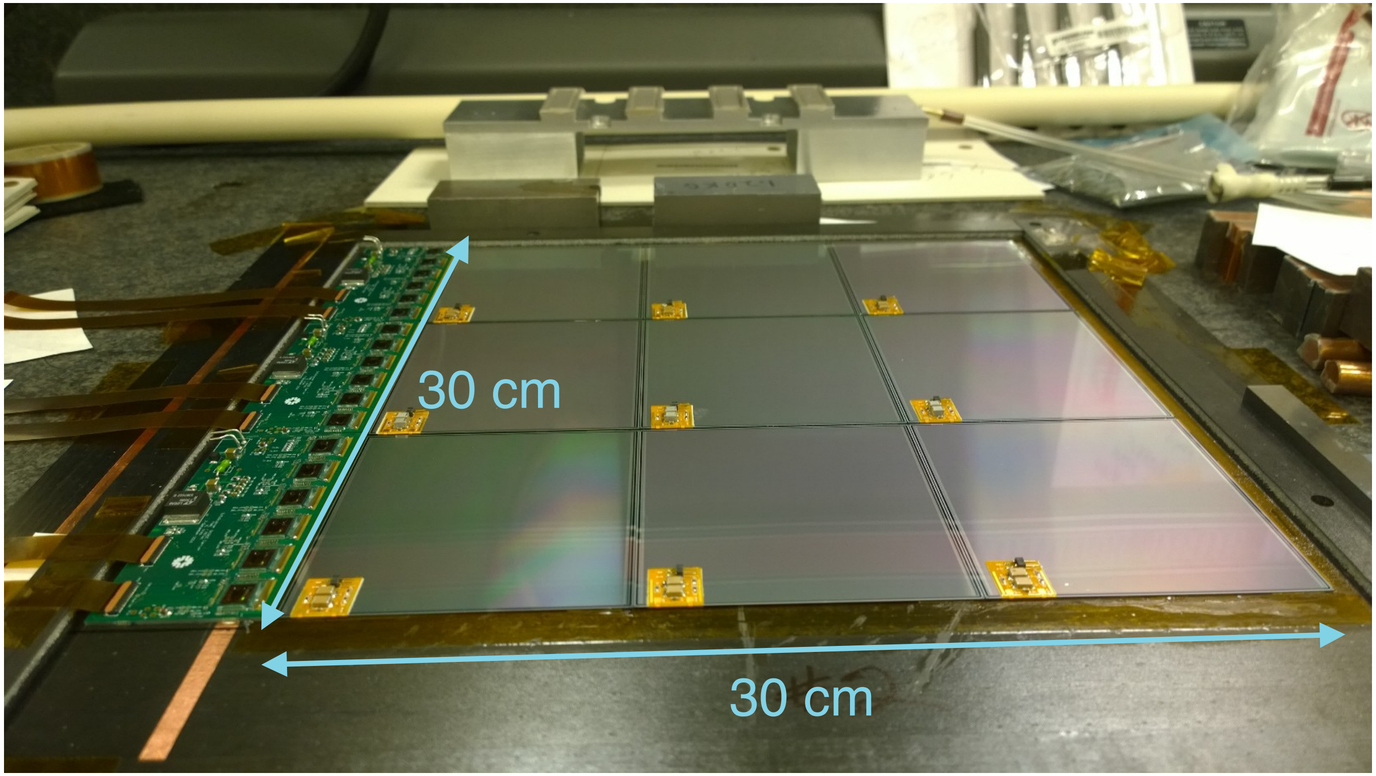
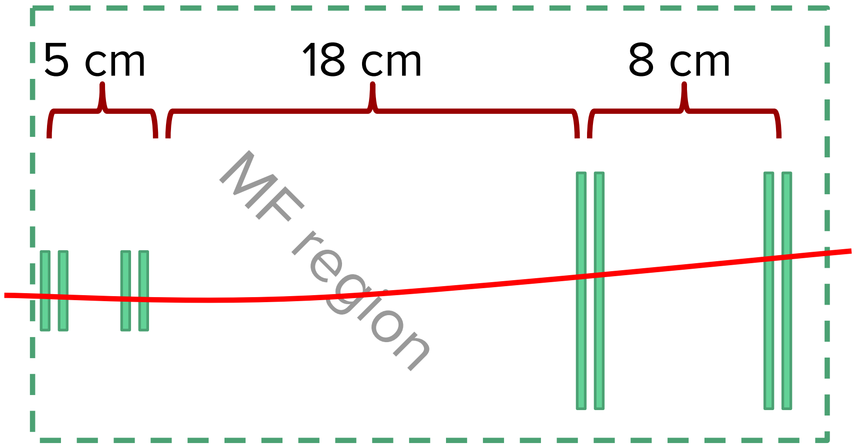
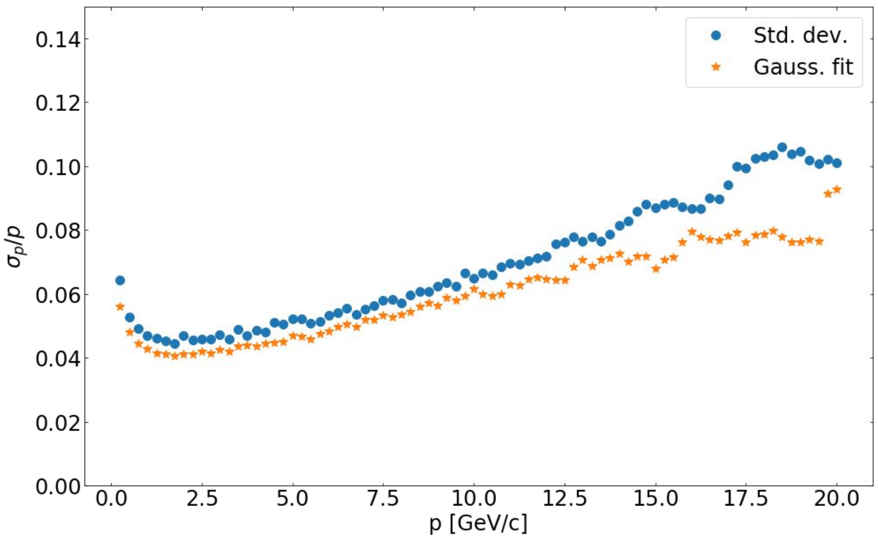


- Large-area SiSDs available from Fermilab SiDet. Resolution good enough (122 µm pitch) for downstream tracking. Could be built and ready in 4-6 months.
- Upstream tracking to be done by existing SiSDs (60 µm pitch) at the FTBF.

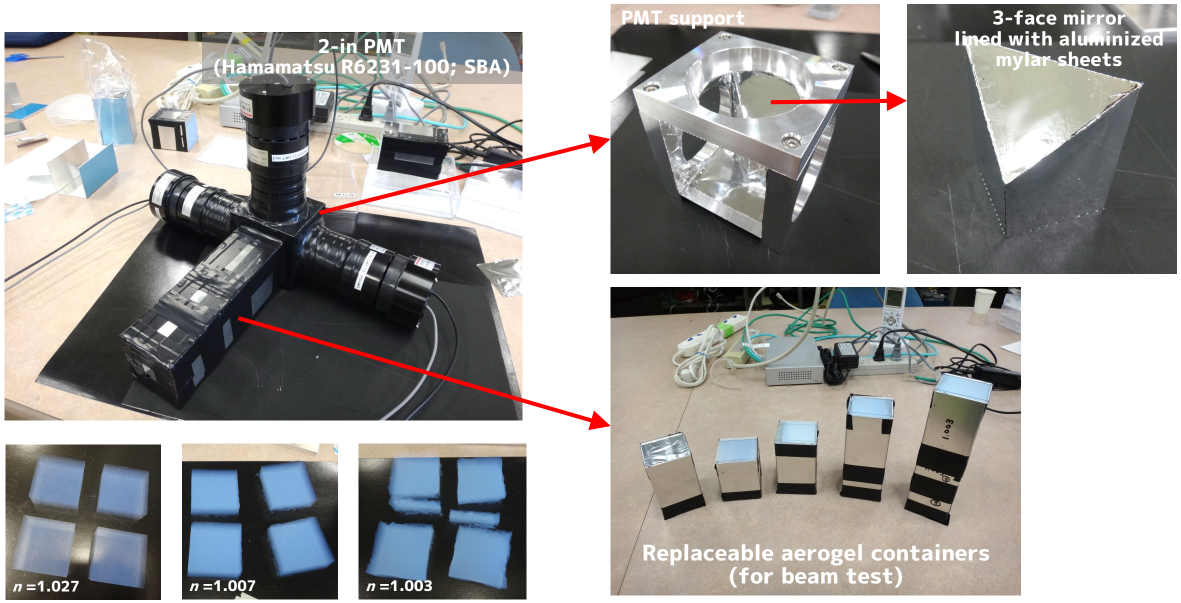
EMPHATIC: Momentum Resolution





- Preliminary study based on COMSOL magnetic field maps, resolution-smeared truth, and Kalman Filter reconstruction.
- Resolution < 6% below 8 GeV/c, < 10% below 17 GeV/c.

EMPHATIC: Beam PID



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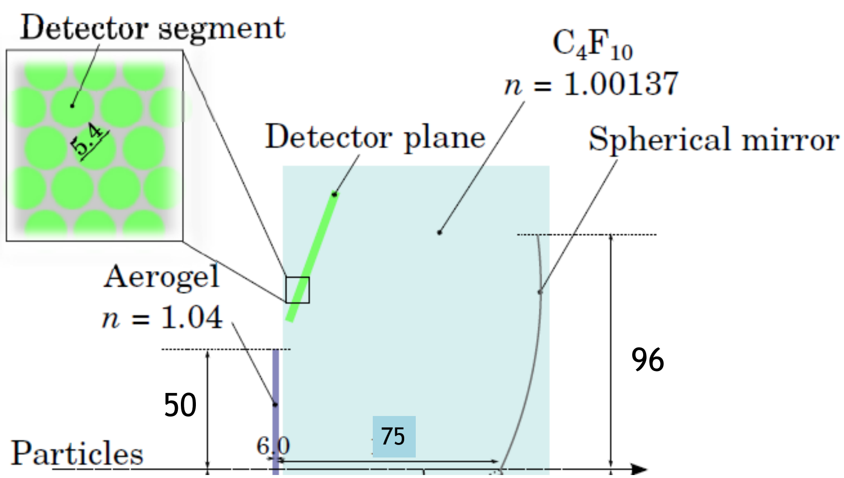
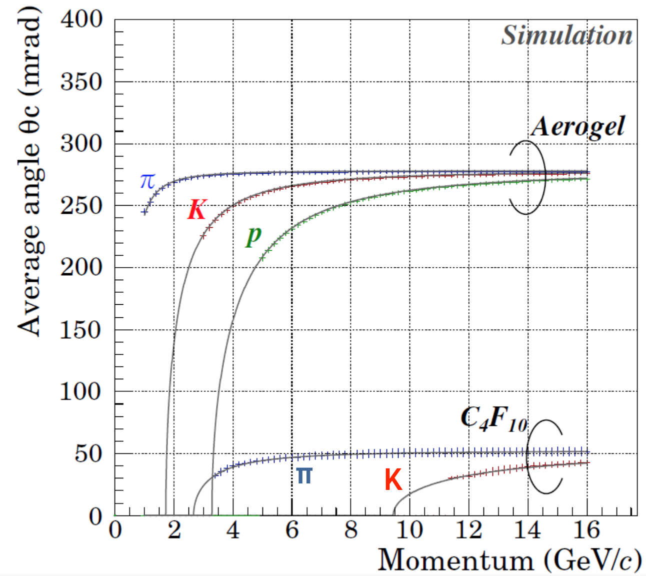
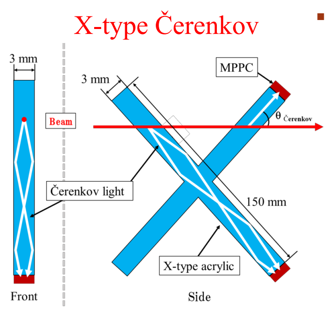
- Existing gas threshold Ckov detectors at FTBF can be used for electron veto and/or hadron beam PID above ~10 GeV/c.
- Will use new aerogel Ckov detector for PID < 12 GeV/c.
- Detector built and tested by M. Tabata at Chiba U., will be shipped to Fermilab in the coming weeks.

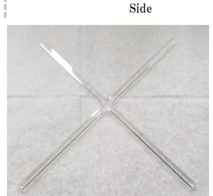
EMPHATIC: PID Detectors (from JPARC E50)





X-type Čerenkov counter





- Developing Čerenkov timing counter
  - Čerenkov lights emit in an extremely short time.
    - ✓Reduce the time spread of photons reaching to the optical sensor
    - ✓Having a fast timing response
    - ✓It has the advantage to measure the better time resolution.
  - Use “Cross shape” acrylic, called X-type, which is cut from an acrylic board
    - ✓In order to cancel position dependences of the time resolution in the Čerenkov radiator
  - The Čerenkov counter is made up of X-type acrylic and MPPC with a shaping amplifier circuit.

It is the first time to use the Čerenkov detector for a timing counter with the X-type acrylic.

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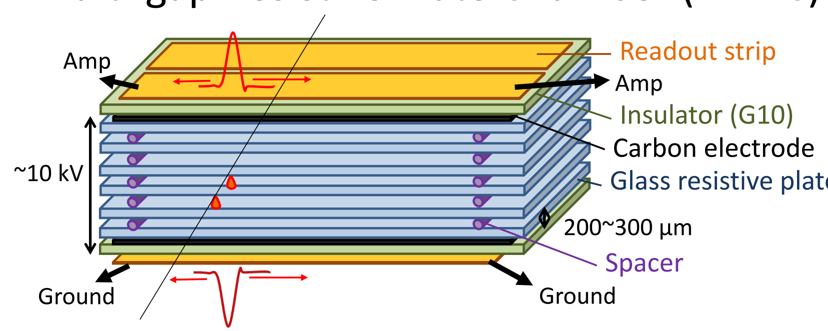
Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber (MRPC)



- Resistive Plate -> Avoid discharge
- Smaller gap -> Better time resolution
- Multi gap -> Higher efficiency, better time resolution

- Can be used under magnetic field
- ~60 ps high time resolution in large area
- Low cost

→ E50 Pole face & Internal TOF detector

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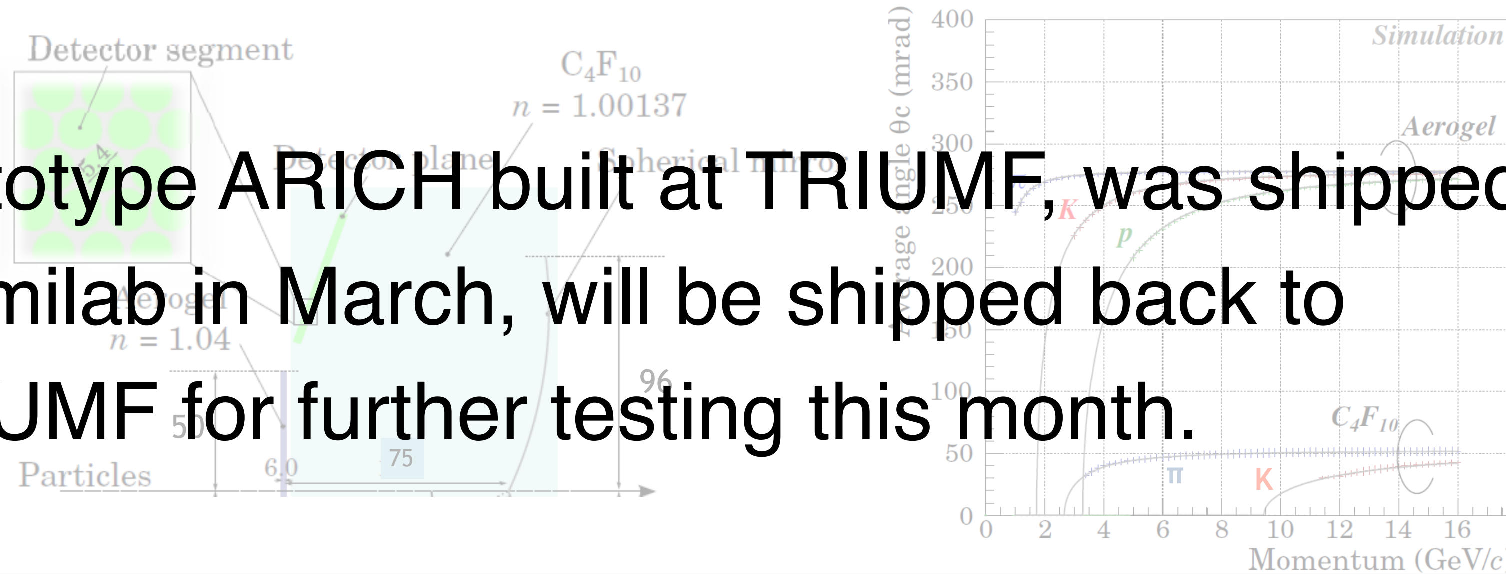
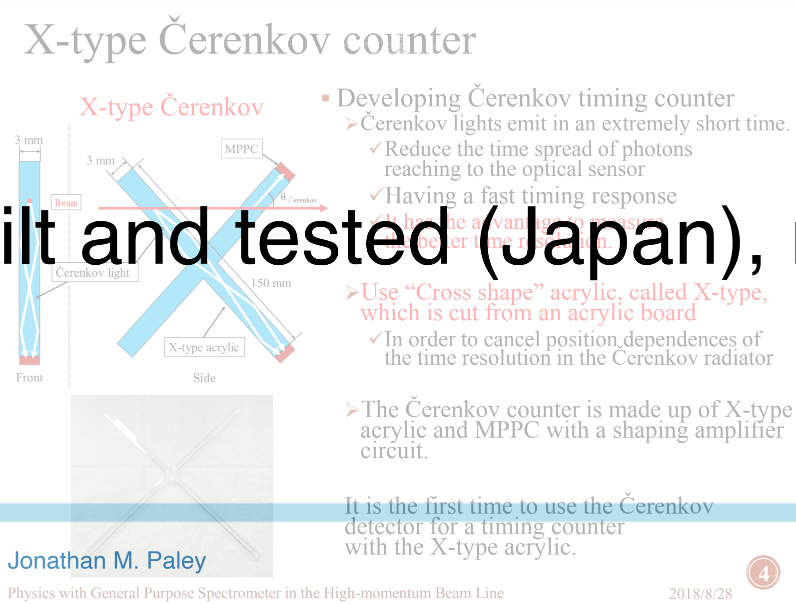
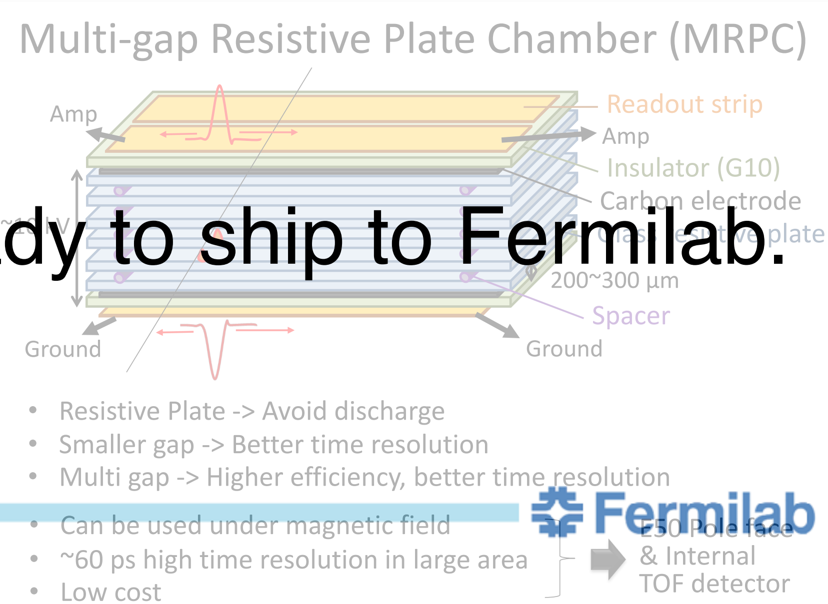


Prototype ARICH built at TRIUMF, was shipped to Fermilab in March, will be shipped back to TRIUMF for further testing this month.





Built and tested (Japan), ready to ship to Fermilab.

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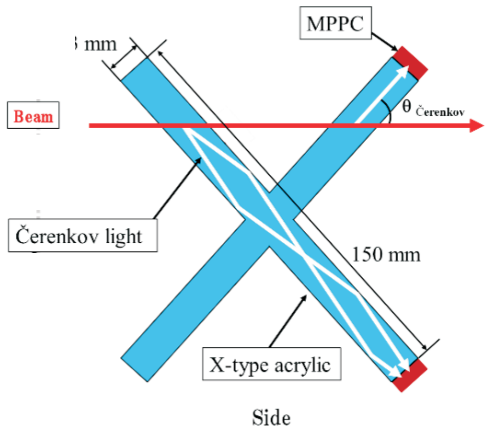
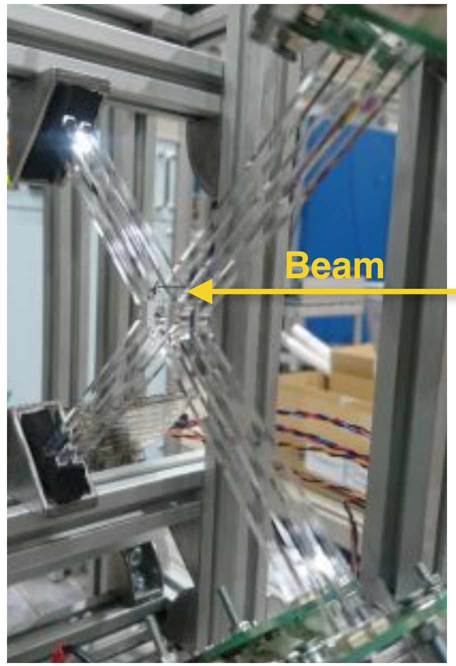
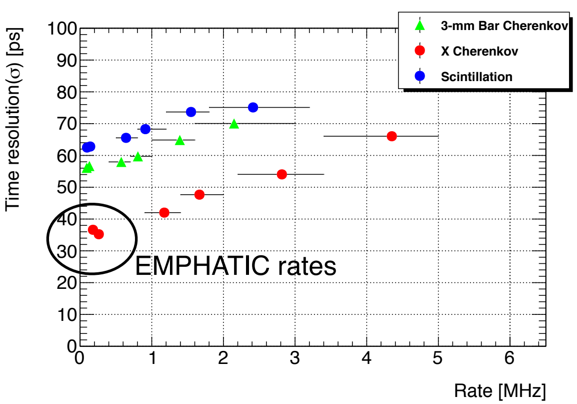
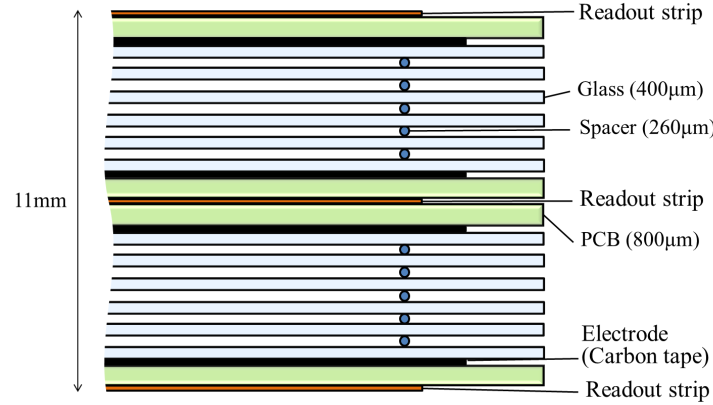
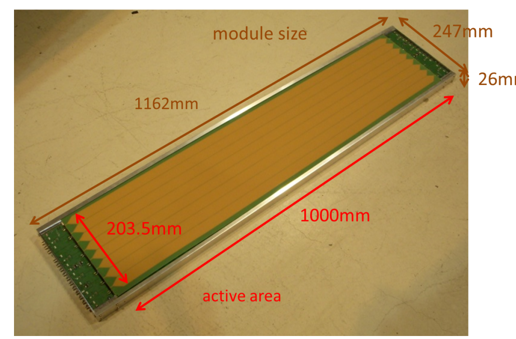


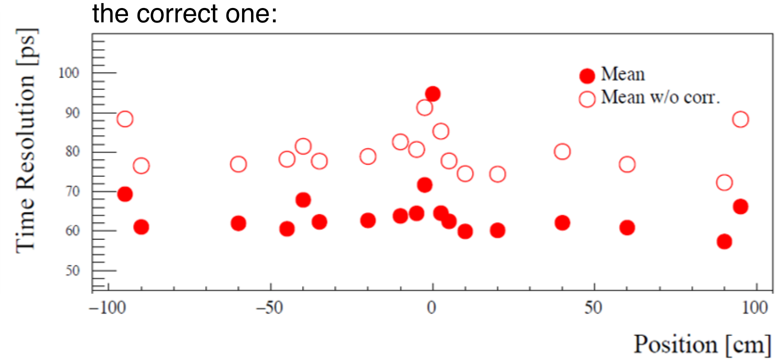








Note: Fig. 21 of the proposal has the wrong plot, this is the correct one:



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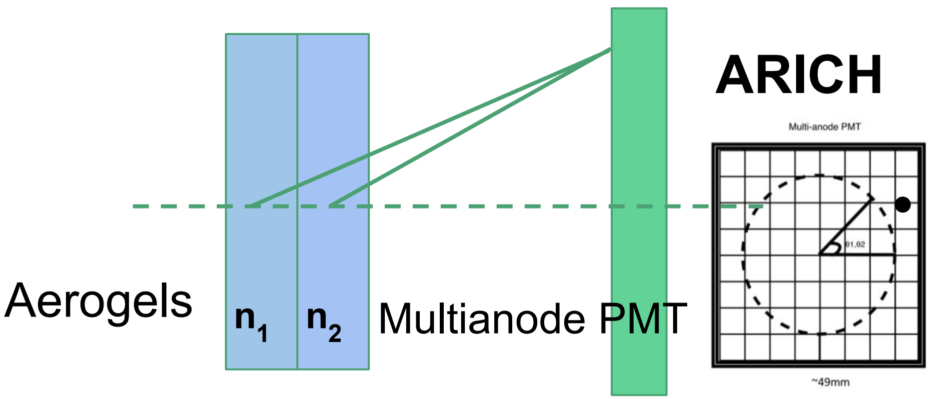

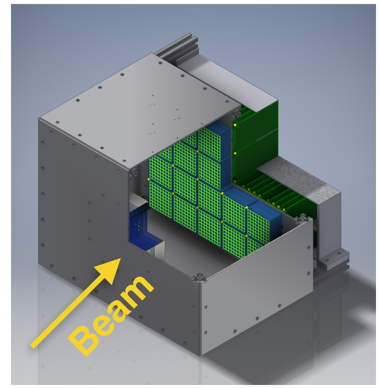

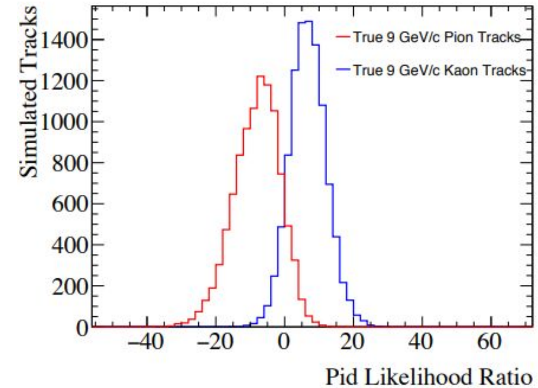

- Based on the Belle II RICH detector
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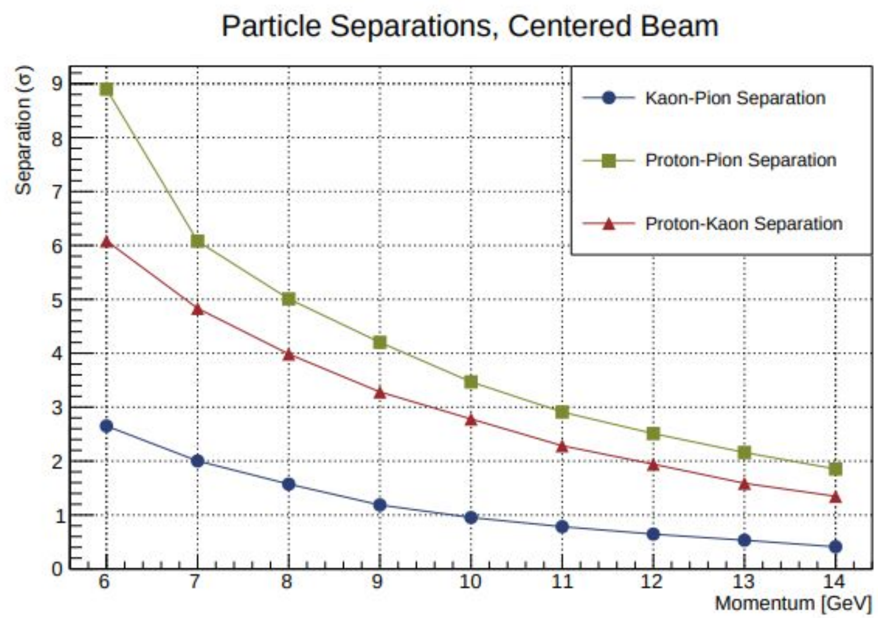

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- New hadron production data are needed if we want to reduce neutrino flux uncertainties.
- EMPHATIC offers a ***cost-effective*** approach to reducing the hadron production uncertainties by at least a factor of 2.
- EMPHATIC is ***complementary*** to the existing efforts by NA61 to collect important hadron production data for improved flux predictions.
- EMPHATIC is a strong ***international collaboration*** with a mature design of the spectrometer and run plans for 2020-22. Details in arXiv:1912.08841.
- Critical detectors from Canada and Japan ***are funded and ready for the 2021 run.***
- We have requested and **received Stage 1 approval** from the Fermilab PAC. Funding request submitted to DOE for full-acceptance magnet, SSDs and RICH. Cost-and-schedule review in early January.
- **Plenty of hardware, software and analysis opportunities over the next few years. New collaborators are welcome!**

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EMPHATIC: Complementarity to NA61/SHINE and MIPP

- EMPHATIC will make measurements with ***beam energies below 15 GeV***.
- EMPHATIC has ***excellent acceptance in the forward region***, enabling precision quasi-elastic scattering measurements.
- EMPHATIC's run plan is ***singularly focused*** on the issue of neutrino flux modeling.
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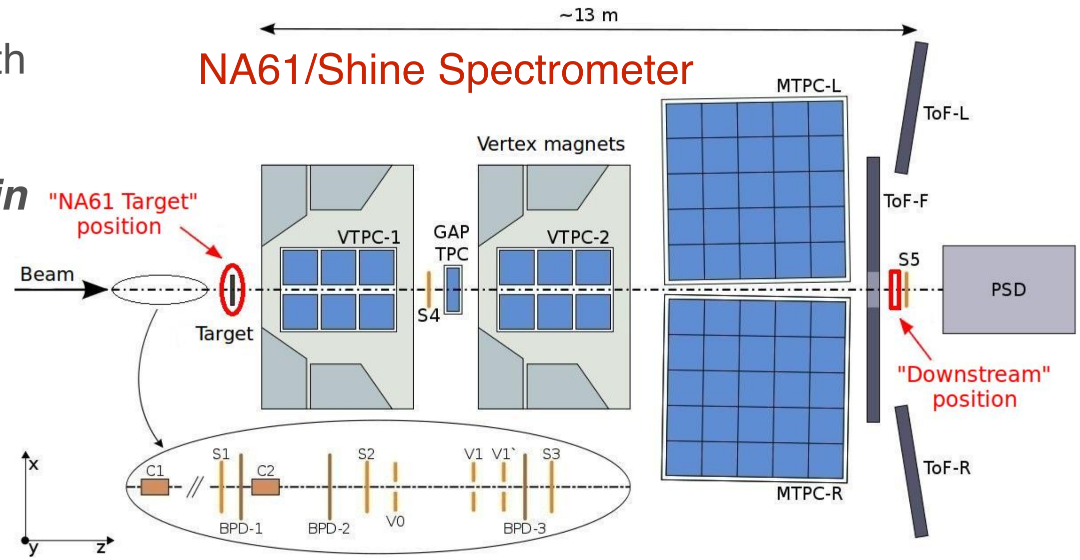
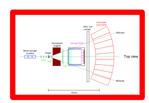




EMPHATIC Spectrometer

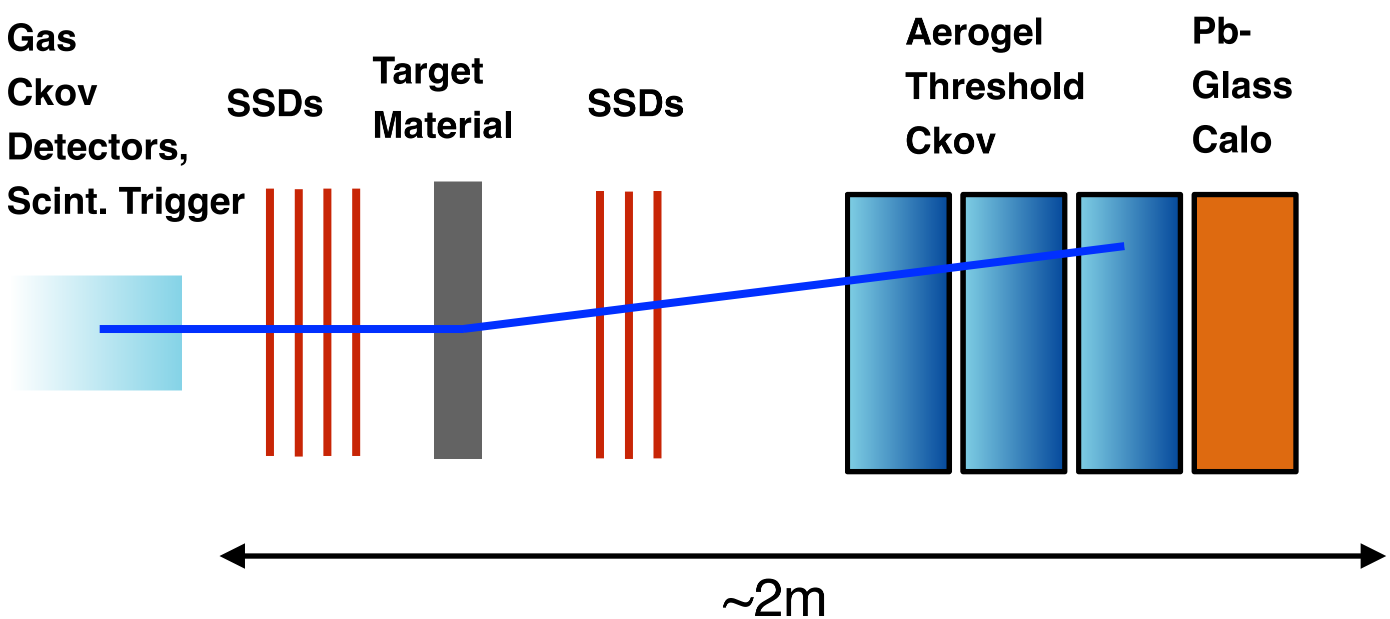
- EMPHATIC will not require an "interaction trigger" (simplifies analysis and reduces uncertainties).
- EMPHATIC needs to operate 3-4 weeks/year over 3 years.
- ***Compact spectrometer = low cost.***

- EMPHATIC establishes a hadron production program at Fermilab focused on meeting the needs of the Fermilab program.
- EMPHATIC could be a first step to a future LBNF spectrometer.

EMPHATIC: Initial beam test from Jan. 10-23, 2018

- Proof-of-principle/engineering run enabled primarily by 2017 US-Japan funds
  - Japan: aerogel detectors, emulsion films and associated equipment, travel
  - US: emulsion handling facility at Fermilab
  - Critical DAQ, motion table and manpower contributions from TRIUMF

- ~20M beam triggers collected in ~7 days of running
- Beams of p,π at 20,31,120 GeV
- Targets: C, Al and Fe (+ MT)



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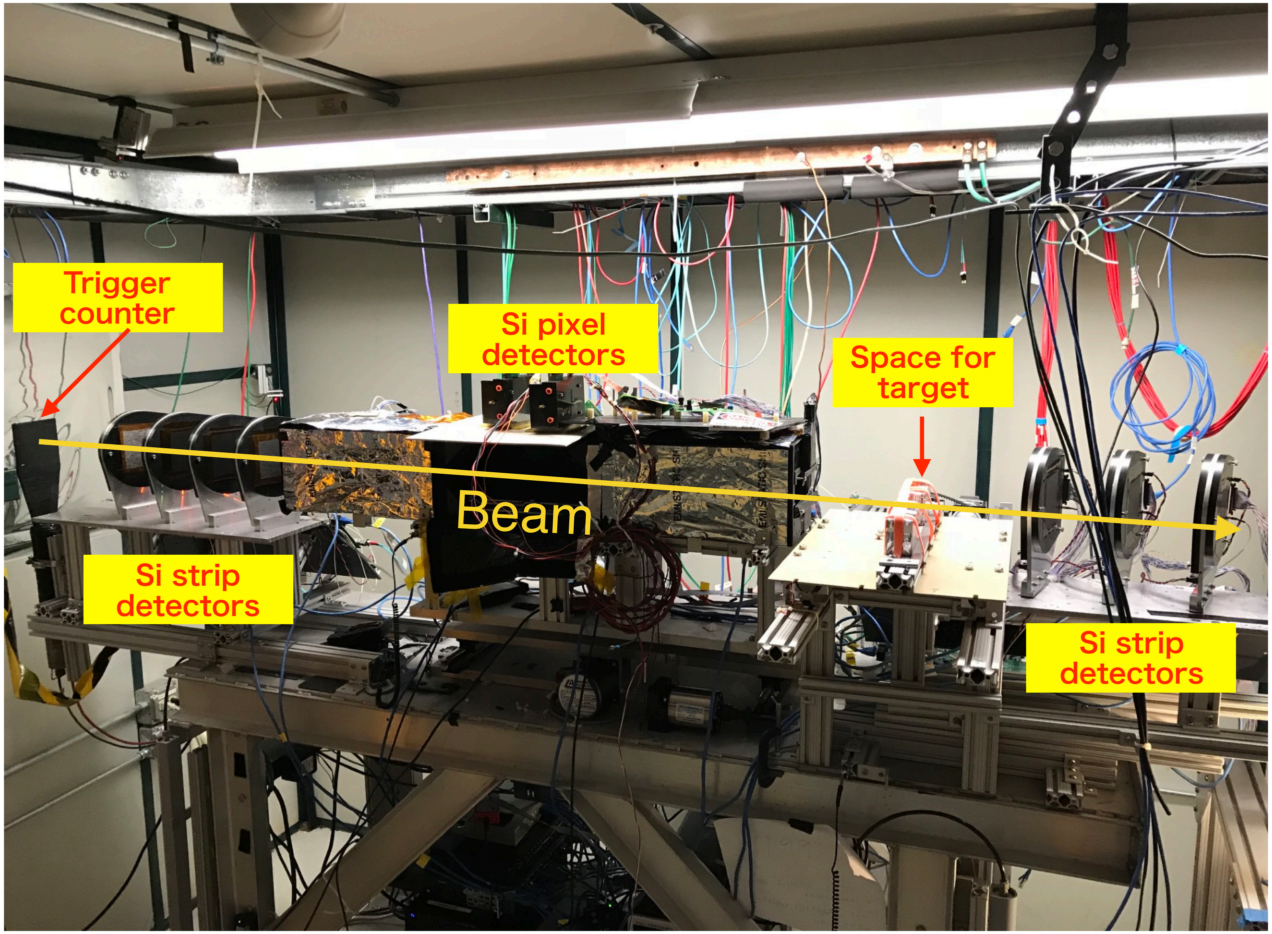

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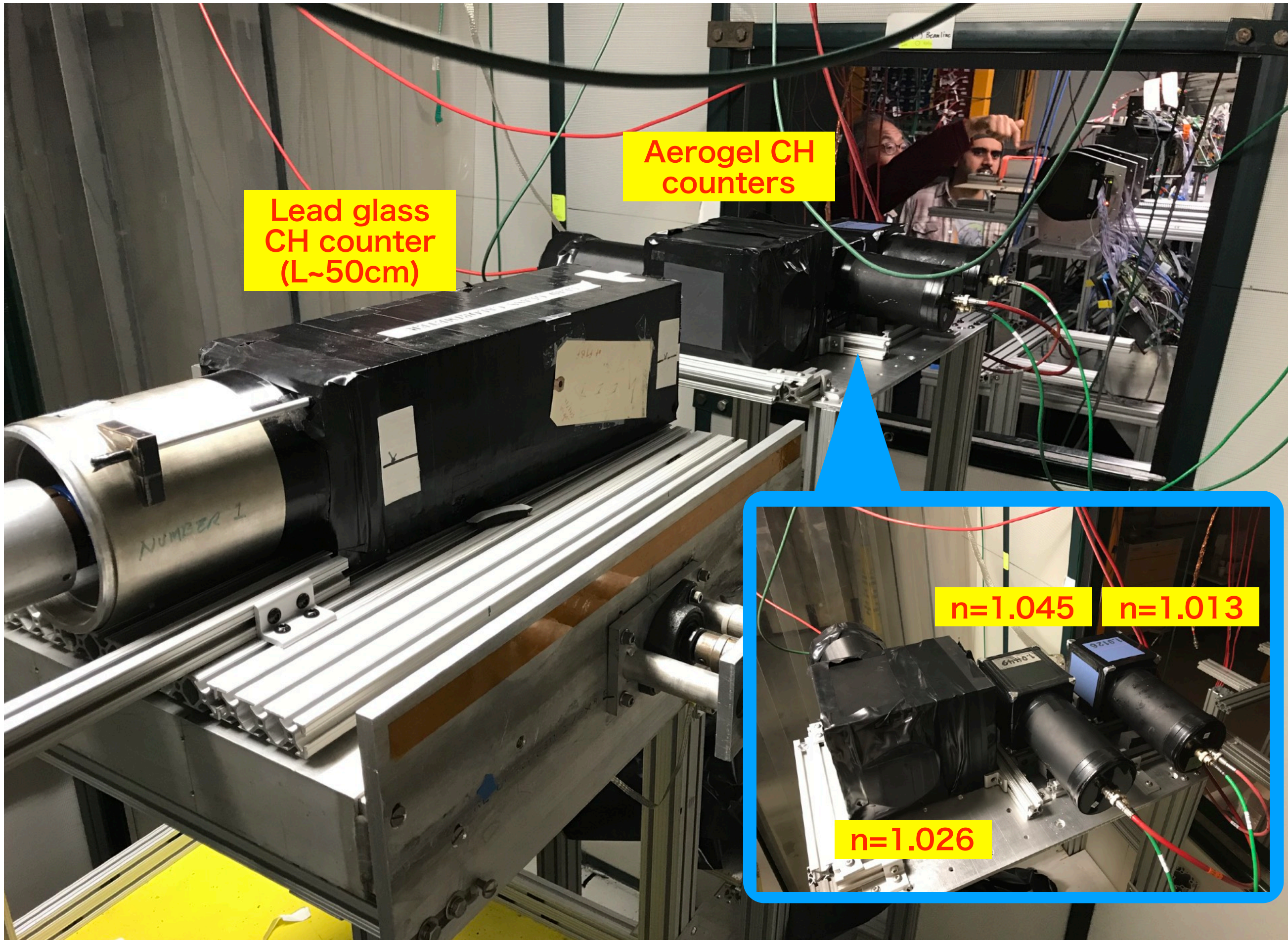

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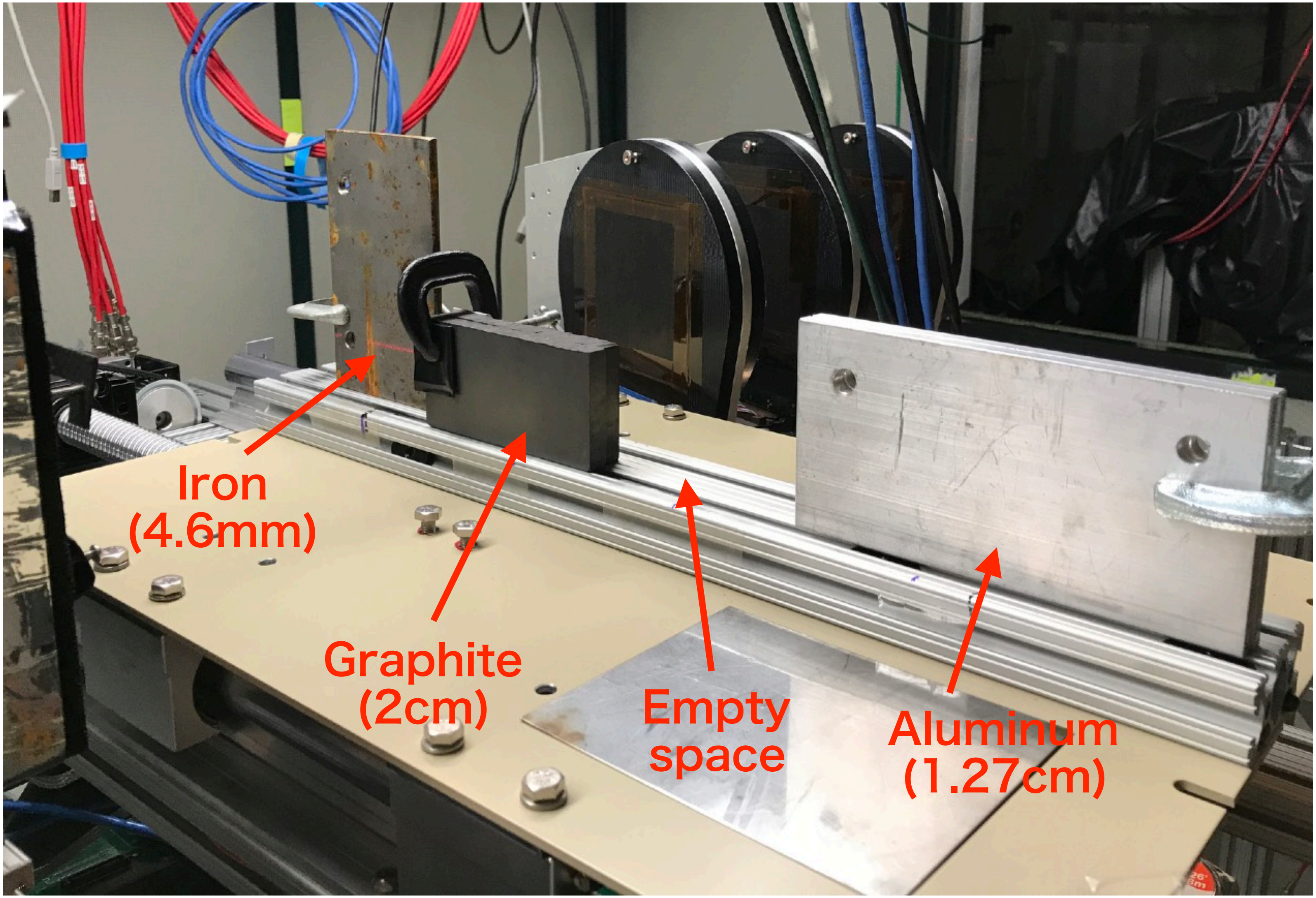

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Number of min. bias triggers

	Graphite	Aluminum	Iron	Empty
120 GeV	1.63M	0	0	1.21M
30 GeV/c	3.42M	976k	1.01M	2.56M
-30 GeV/c	313k	308k	128k	312k
20 GeV/c	1.76M	1.76M	1.72M	1.61M
10 GeV/c	1.18M	1.11M	967k	1.17M
2 GeV	105k	105k	183k	108k

Note: min. bias trigger efficiency is 100%

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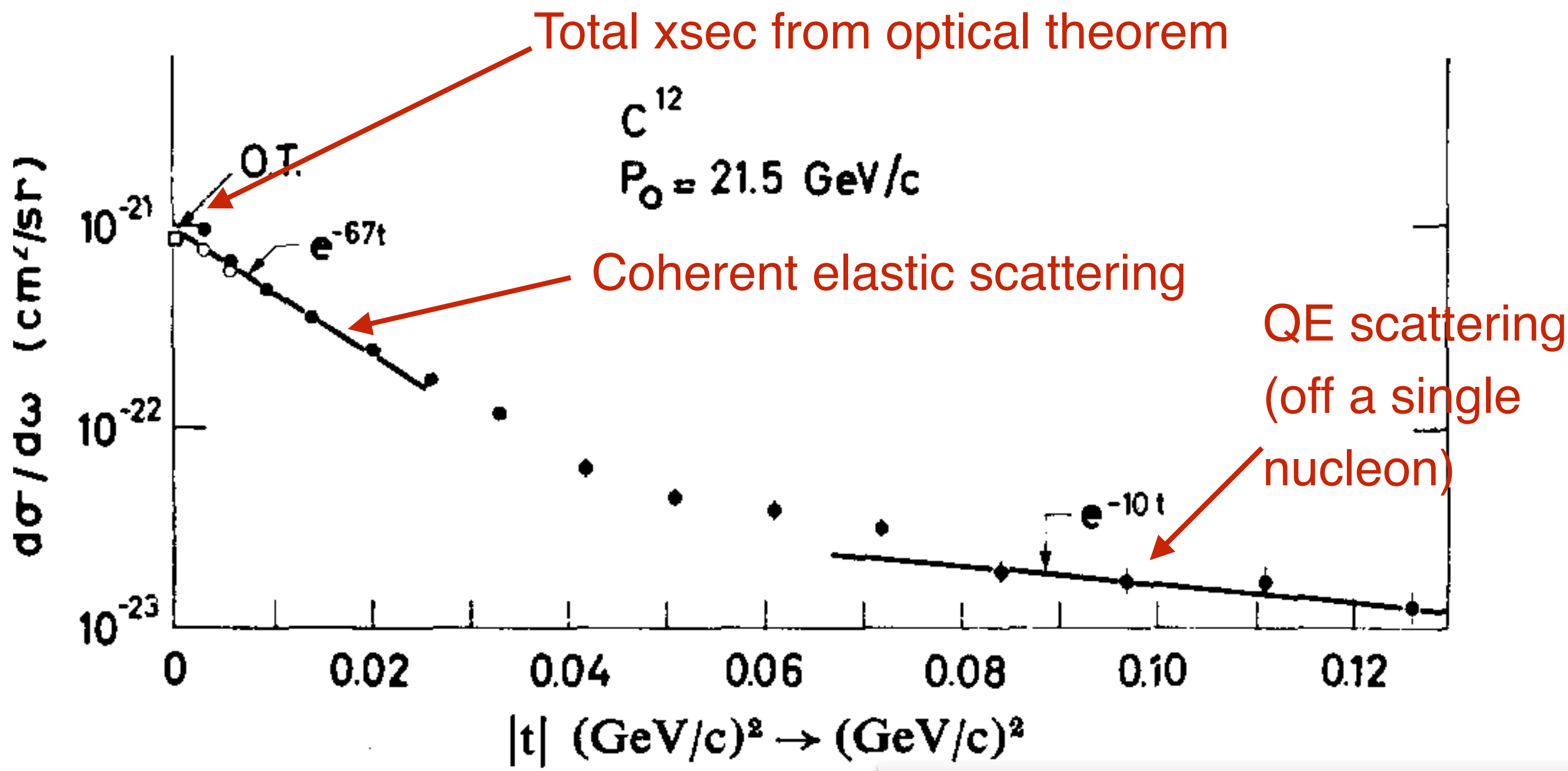

G. Bellettini et al., Nucl. Phys. 79, 609 (1966)

$$|t| \simeq p_{beam}^2 \theta_{scatt}^2$$

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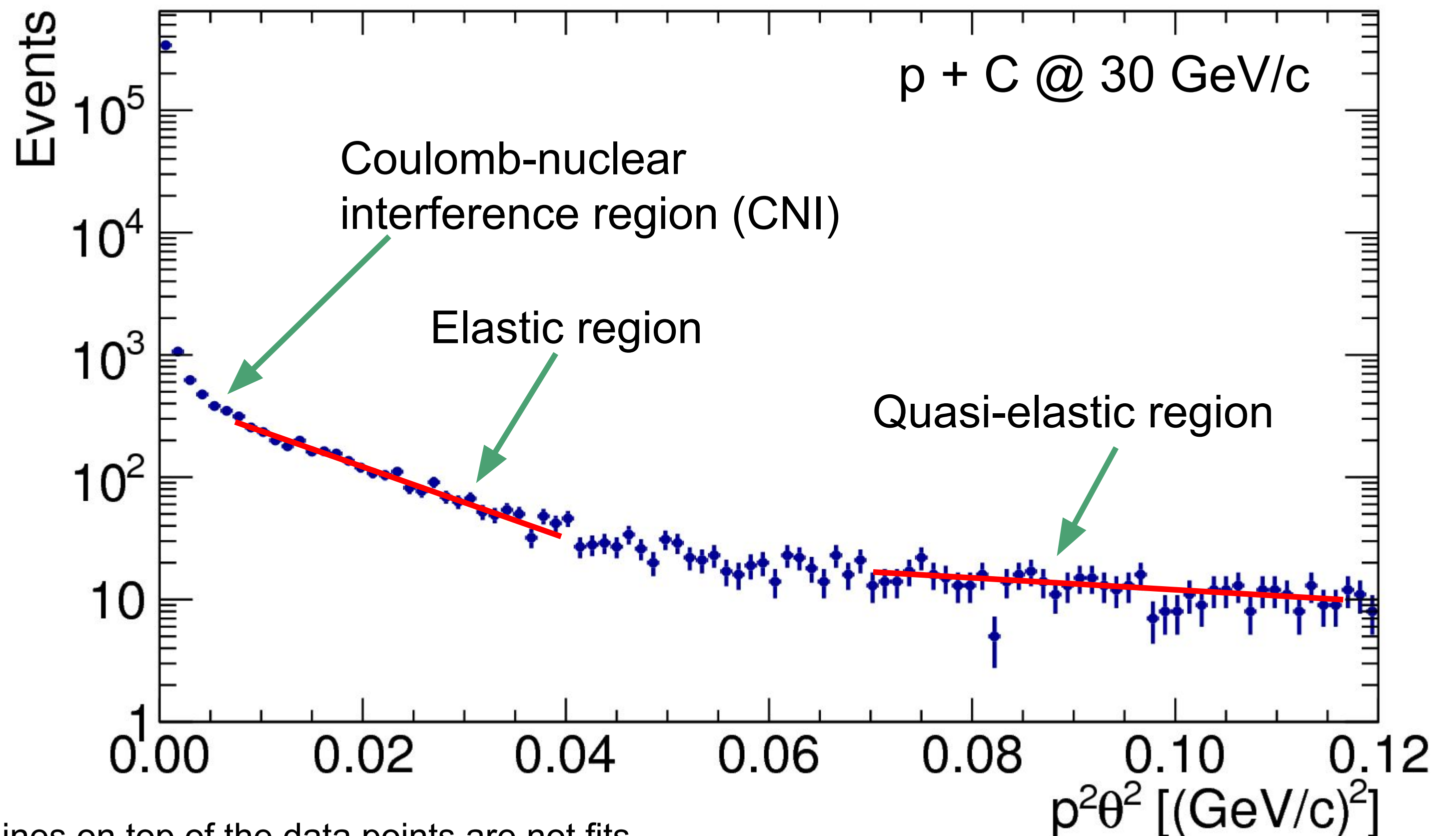
4-momentum transfer (raw data)



*Lines on top of the data points are not fits

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Systematic uncertainties

Strategy:

- Use data to estimate systematics
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2. Upstream interactions in the trigger scintillator or SSDs ➜ **negligible < 0.5%**
3. Interactions between upstream SSDs and target (shape) ➜ **negligible for t > 0.01 GeV^2**
4. Secondary particles (not leading protons or kaons) **< 6%**
5. Efficiency uncertainty (model dependence) **< 3%**
6. Normalization (target thickness and density) ➜ **2%**
7. POT correction for upstream losses ➜ **0.5%**

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Note: Since this presentation, we have redefined our signal (deliverable) to be the model independent measurement of

$p + C \rightarrow A + X^{\pm}$

where A is the final-state nucleus and X is a charged particle with a scattering angle < 20 mrad.

Systematics are being re-evaluated.

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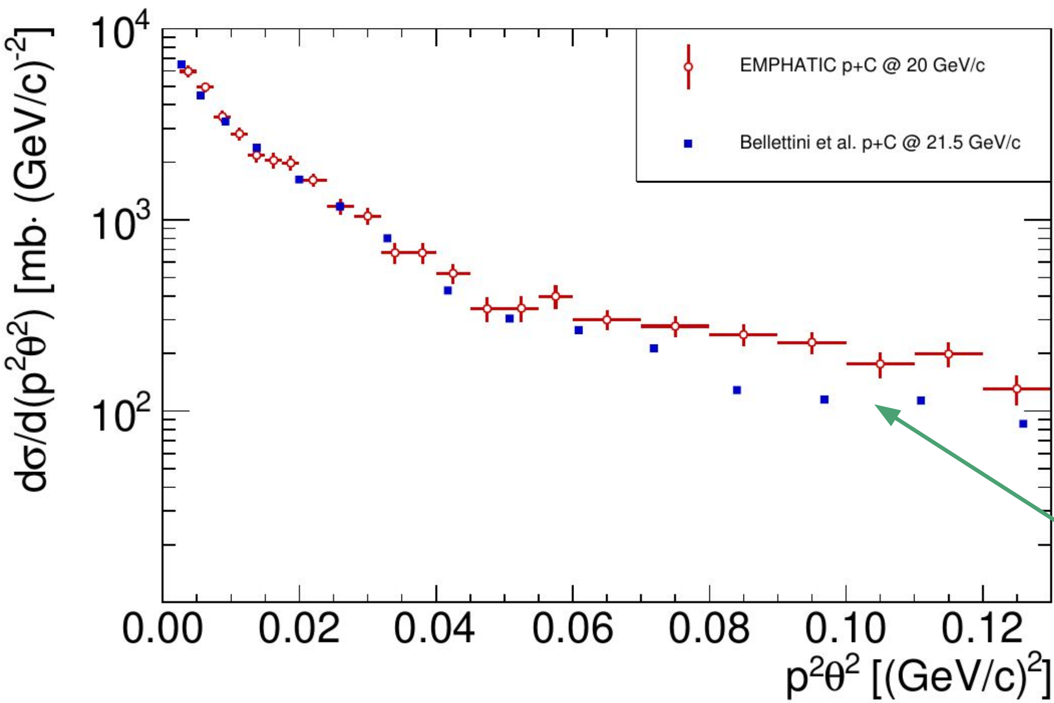

Bellettini et al.

- Angular coverage 1.5 - 20 mrad
- Momentum measurement → contamination of inelastic events 1%
- Uncertainties are not known

EMPHATIC and Bellettini do not measure the same thing!

- EMPHATIC includes resonance production

Bellettini et al., Nucl.Phys. 79 (1966) 609-624

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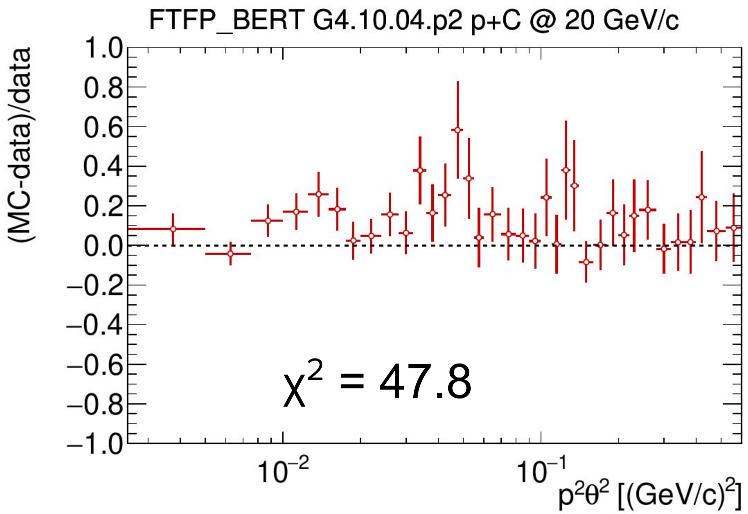

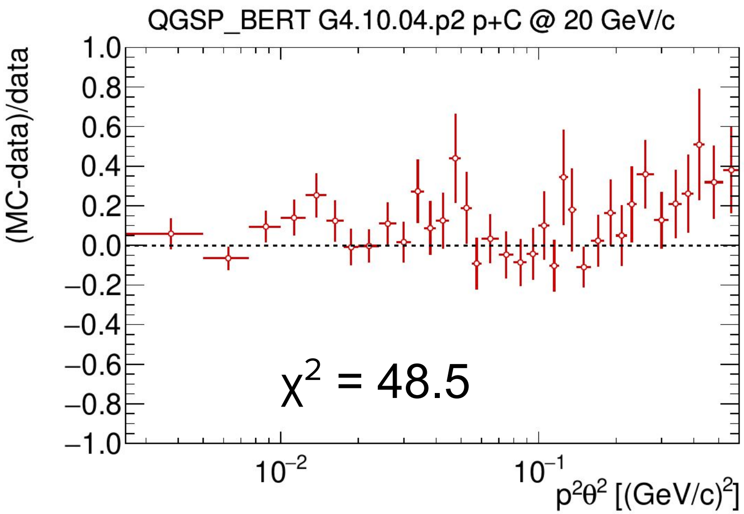

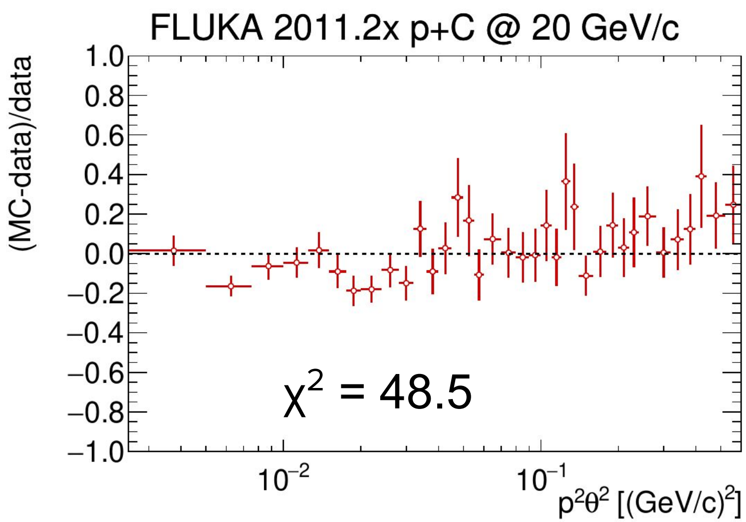

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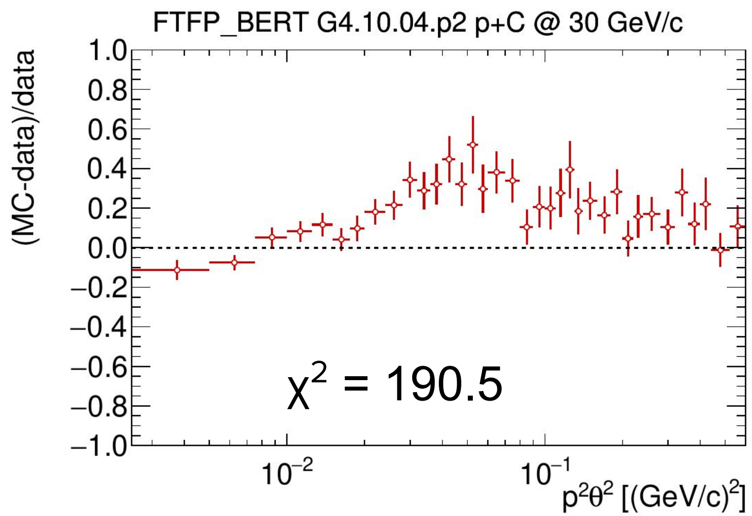

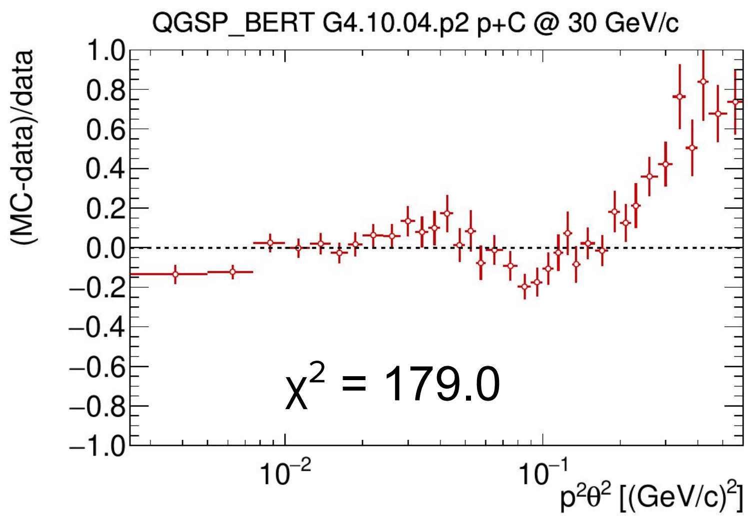

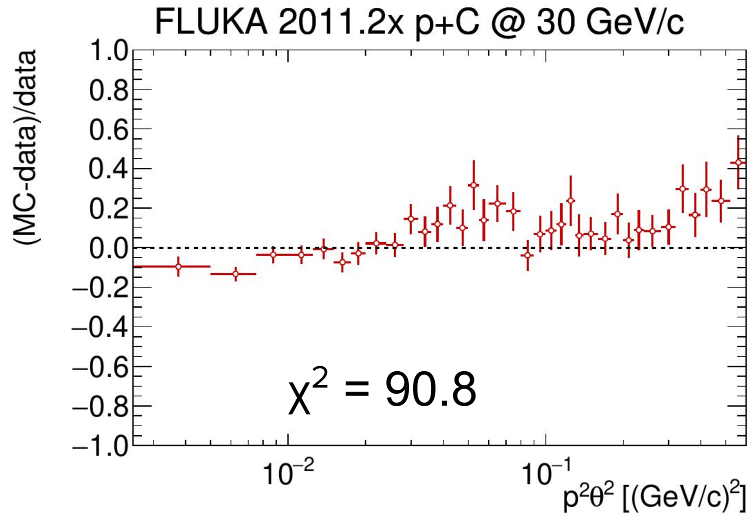

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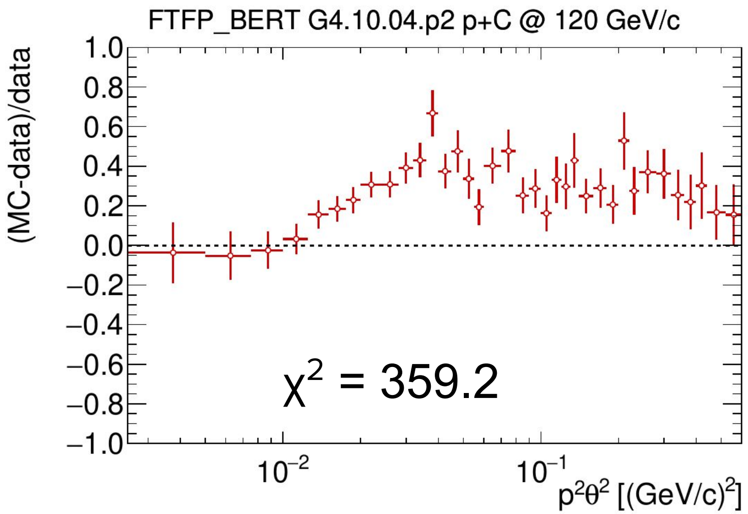

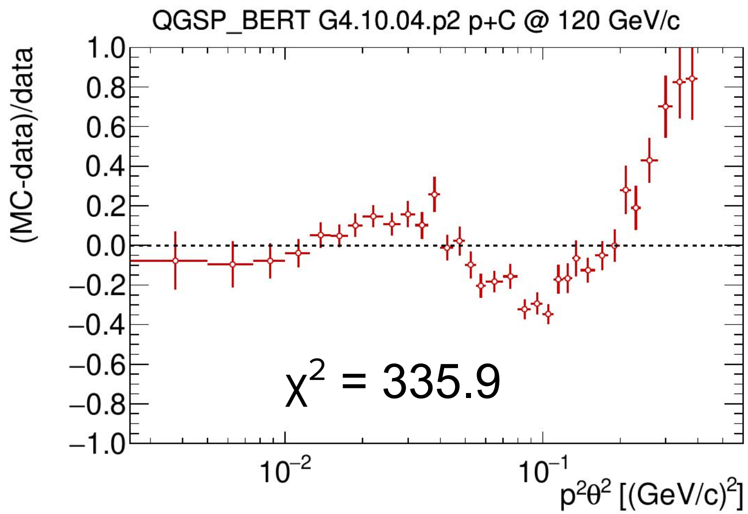

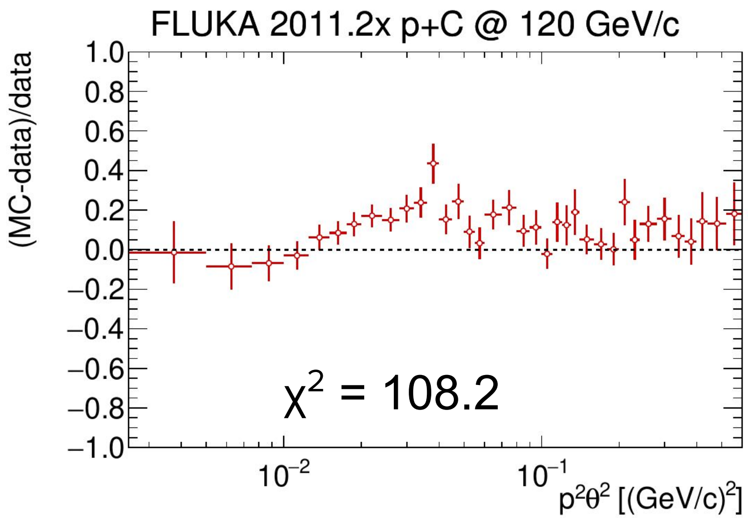

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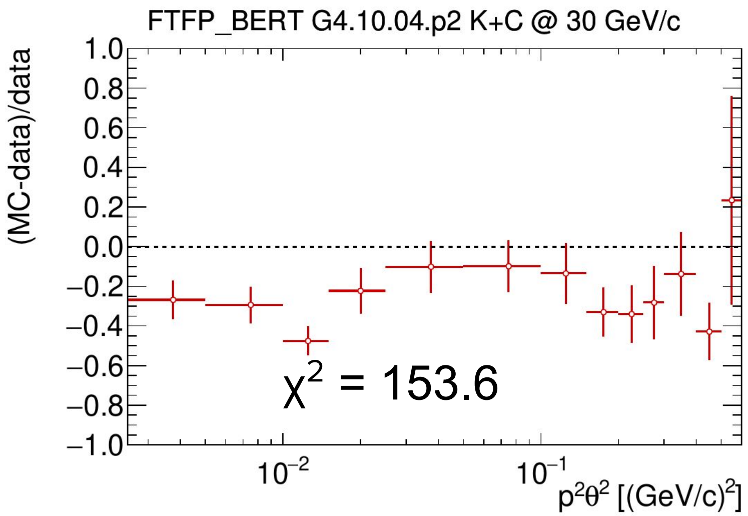

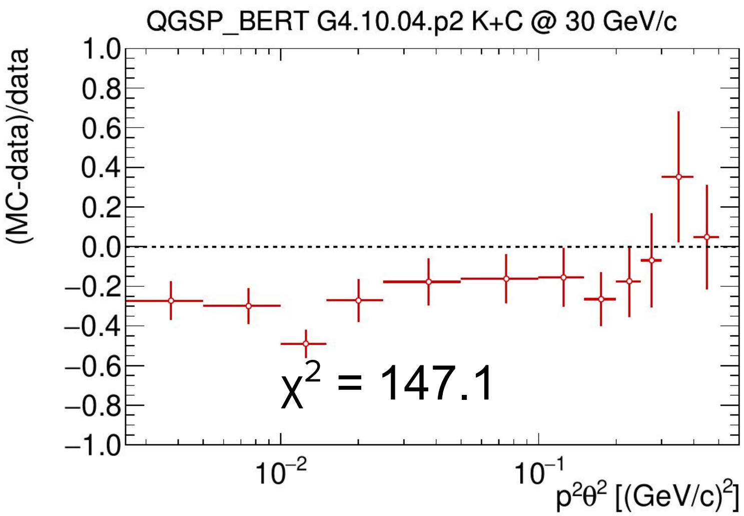

First measurement of this type for kaons!

Simulations seem to underpredict by ~20%.